

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 3-5 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A machine for the automatic production of inverted T-shaped structural elements for false ceilings, comprising:

a stepping feeder for the T-shaped structural elements cut to size,

two series of lateral stations interfering with ends of said ~~profile-bars~~ structural elements fed transversely by said stepping feeder, and

a plurality of dies provided in the different stations to subject the ends of said ~~profile-bars~~ structural elements to a required operation, the position of a least one of the series of stations being adjustable relative to the other, such that at least one station is a station for applying an insert to the ends of said T-shaped ~~profile-bars~~ structural elements, a press forming said inserts by said insert being formed by a press acting on a strip unwound from a reel, said press being provided upstream of said station applying said insert.

2. (Previously presented) A machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the series of stations is mounted on a shoulder which is adjustable relative to another shoulder supporting the other series of stations by a guide system and a manually operable recirculating ball slide.

3. (Currently amended) A machine as claimed in claim 1, comprising transverse stations positioned at the most downstream pair of stations, said transverse stations being movable and positionable on the ~~profile-bars~~ structural elements to effect operations on a central part of the a vertical web of the profile bars structural elements.

4. (Currently Amended) A machine as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said station is positionable in the length direction of the ~~profile bars~~ structural elements.

5. (Currently Amended) A machine as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each die is operated by a hydraulic cylinder.